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BLM Hosts 10th Annual Fish Fiesta

TAOS – It's time for a fiesta—Fish Fiesta! The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Taos Field Office will host the 10th annual Fish Fiesta in conjunction with N.M. Department of Game and Fish, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Mora Hatchery), New Mexico Trout, Sangre de Cristo Fly Fishermen and other partners. The Fish Fiesta consists of 5 fishing events (called fiestas) that will introduce youngsters to the joy of fishing. The first fish event will take place on June 2, 2001, Saturday, at Eagle Rock. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1200 p.m. A legal guardian must accompany children at all times. Registration will end at 1100.



Fish Fiesta will give youngsters ages 11 and under a fun learning experience. Kids will receive instruction in fish biology and anatomy, fishing skills, outdoor ethics such as “Catch and Release,” “Pack in and Pack out,” and “Leave No Trace” as well as conservation messages. Kids will also have the chance to learn the difference in fish species such as the native Rio Grande Cutthroat versus a Rainbow Trout. The Forest Service will demonstrate what it takes to put native species back into their habitat.

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The schedule for the Fish Fiesta 2001 is as shown.

Fish Fiestas 2001 Schedule

June

- 2 Eagle Rock, Fishing Fiesta
- 9 Canjilon, Fishing Fiesta
- 30 Hope Well Lake, Fishing Fiesta

July

- 21 Santa Cruz Lake, Fishing Fiesta
- 28 Orilla Verde, Fly Fishing Clinic

Fishing equipment will be available on a loaner basis. Hotdogs, drinks and Fish Fiesta T-shirts will be provided.

So bring your rod and reel and let's fiesta!

For additional information please contact the BLM-Taos Field Office at 505.758.8851.

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